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IN RE APPLICATION OF:

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FOR: AQUEOUS POLYMER DISPERSIONS, BASED ON COPOLYMERS OF VINYL AROMATICS AND BUTADIENE, METHOD FOR THEIR PRODUCTION AND THEIR USE AS SIZING AGENTS FOR PAPER

RESTRICTION RESPONSE

COMMISSIONER FOR PATENTS
ALEXANDRIA, VIRGINIA 22313

Sir:

In response to the Restriction Requirement dated August 10, 2007, Applicants elect, with traverse, Group I, Claims 1-4, 9 and 10, for examination.

As a single disclosed specie, for examination purposes only, Applicants provisionally elect Specie III, Iron (II) salts.

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

The claims have been divided into Groups as follows:

Group I: Claims 1-4, 9 and 10, drawn to a polymer dispersion.

Group II: Claims 5-7, drawn to a process.

Group III. Claims 8, 11-13, drawn to a method of sizing and graphic arts paper formed from sizing.

In addition, election of a heavy metal salt from the list below is required:

Specie I: Cerium salts

Specie II: Manganese salts

Specie III: Iron(II) salts